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SUBJ: RAMALLAH SEALED OFF; MORE TROUBLE IN JERUSALEM

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1. WITH CURFEW STRICKLY ENFORCED, ISRAELI SECURITY FORCES HAVE SEALED OFF WEST BANK TOWNS OF RAMALLAH AND BIREH. RESIDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, PHONE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN CUT EXCEPT FOR FEW LINES (E.G. DOCTORS), AND TROOPS AT ROAD-BLOCKS ON ROUTES INTO TOWNS ARE TURNING BACK CIVILIAN TRAFFIC. OBSERVER WITH MILITARY IN RAMALLAH MARCH 16 SAID STREETS WERE EMPTY EXCEPT FOR TROOPS WHO WERE FIRING IN AIR OCCASIONALLY TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO TAKE CURFEW SERIOUSLY. WELL-INFORMED
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CONGEN SOURCE SAID MILGOV HAD SEIZED KEYS OF RAMLLAH

MUNICIPALITY FROM RESIGNED MAYOR KARIM KHALAF MARCH 15.

2. IN JERUSALEM POLICE USED TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP DEMONSTRATION OF ARAB YOUTH IN HARAM ESH-SHARIF MARCH 16. STONE-THROWING DEMONSTRATORS ALSO CLASHED WITH SECURITY FORCES IN OLD CITY NEAR DAMASCUS GATE. ISRAELI RADIO REPORTED EIGHT ARRESTED. ARAB SOURCE TOLD US TWO SOLDIERS HURT.

3. WE HAVE JUST BEEN TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT MAYORS OF NABLUS (AL-MASRI), HEBRON (JA'ABARI) AND BETHLEHEM (FREIJ) MET WITH DEFMIN PERES IN TEL AVIV MARCH 16 AND WERE URGED TO PREVENT FURTHER DISTRUBANCES IN THEIR TOWNS. NEWLIN

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